

House District 26

Steve Strait, Republican



DATE OF BIRTH: October 3, 1949
PLACE OF BIRTH: Tillamook, Oregon
NAME OF SPOUSE: Divorced
CHILDREN: Hayden (19), Alexandra (13)
RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 2500 Douglas Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99517
MAILING ADDRESS: 2500 Douglas Drive
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OCCUPATION: Business owner
LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 41 years
Anchorage 1985 to present
New Zealand 1982-1984
Kotzebue 1979-1981
Anchorage 1957-1975, 1978-1979

EDUCATION:
East Anchorage High School, 1964-1967, Diploma; Northwest Nazarene College, 1969-1967; University of Idaho, 1973, B.S. Broadcasting.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Former commissioner, 1987-1994, Alaska Broadcasting Commission.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:
Owner, Alaska Broadcast Media, media rep firm specializing in rural Alaska media.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Past president, Anchorage International Rotary, 2000-2001;
Alaska Airmans Association; Turnagain Community Council.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Skiing, enjoying Alaska's wilderness, aviation, fishing.

STATEMENT:

Budget:

This legislature must address Alaska's budget gap by building a fiscal plan to deal with our out-of-balance government spending. I feel that the current trend of increased spending and the imposition of an expensive income tax is out of touch with the wishes of the people in our district.

I Support:

- Expanding our economy by fostering private sector growth.
- Prioritize and reduce state spending so we make smart choices in the services we fund.
- Encourage and reward state employees who identify inefficiencies and provide solutions in government spending.
- Preserve our permanent fund for our grandchildren.

Education:

- Our priority should be on quality education for all Alaskans. Problems need to be identified and fixed including giving teachers more discipline in the classroom to foster a quality learning environment.
- Ongoing academic achievement testing for students is essential to ensure they are learning and progressing towards a meaningful diploma.
- I support a parent's choice for alternative education including home schooling and charter schools.
- Fulfill the land grant promise to the University of Alaska to support funding for higher education.

Open Government:

- I will not participate in closed caucus joint meetings involving the entire House of Representatives as happened this year when both parties met behind closed doors.

Public Safety:

- Support hiring more State Troopers for rural Alaska where they are desperately needed.

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